

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-39 are pending in the present application. With this amendment, claims 13-14 and 27-39 were canceled, and claims 1, 15, and 26 were amended. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

I. Double Patenting

The examiner has provisionally rejected claims 1-6, 8-9, 15-20, 22-23, and 26-27 on the ground of nonstatutory anticipation-type double patenting as being anticipated by claims 1-20 of copending Patent Application Serial Number 10/672,134. Applicants will file a Terminal Disclaimer should the conflicting claims be patented.

II. 35 U.S.C. § 103, Obviousness

The examiner has rejected claims 1-9, 11-13, 15-23, and 25-39 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,000,006 issued to *Bruce* in view of U.S. Patent 5,568,423 issued to *Jou*.

The examiner has rejected claims 10 and 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over *Bruce* and *Jou*, and further in view of U.S. Patent 6,732,221 issued to *Ban*.

III. Objection to Claims

The examiner has stated that claim 14 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, claim 1 has been rewritten to overcome this objection by including the limitations of original claims 13 and 14.

Claim 15 has been amended to add features that correspond to the features of original claims 13 and 14; therefore, claim 15 should be allowable for the same reasons that original claim 14 was allowable.

Claim 26 has been amended to add features that correspond to the features of original claims 13 and 14; therefore, claim 26 should be allowable for the same reasons that original claim 14 was allowable.

IV. Conclusion

It is respectfully urged that the subject application is now in condition for allowance.

The examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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